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CARUTHERS' SLAYER DISCHARGED STRONG SELF DEFENSE PLEA

TUCSON, Oct. 6—Russell T. Johnson, who was charged with murder in the second degree, growing out of the killing of Eugene Caruthers at Gila Bend on September 21, was discharged at a hearing before Justice of the Peace DeSouza at Phoenix Wednesday. Johnson was represented by Judge John H. Campbell of Tucson, with whom was associated Alexander and Christy of Phoenix.

John B. Ryland, president of the Gila Land & Cattle Company, of which Johnson is manager, attended the hearing. Judge Campbell and Mr. Ryland returned to Tucson this morning.

The nine witnesses examined by both sides told practically the same story. All agreed that Caruthers sent word to Johnson that he wanted to see him in his store. Johnson, who was in an automobile in front of the store, went into the store in response to Caruthers' request and, upon en-

tering the store, was attacked by Caruthers. Johnson retreated to the automobile, being followed by Caruthers who drew his gun and threatened to kill him. Johnson told him that there was no occasion for trouble and that they could settle their difficulties peaceably. Caruthers replied with an oath and said that he intended to have trouble right then. He walked around the automobile and attempted to take Johnson out of the machine. Johnson then moved to the other side of the car, which was a Ford truck. Caruthers then climbed over the back of the car to the right-hand side, grabbed the top support with his left hand and pulled his gun down on Johnson with his right hand. It was then that Johnson fired, shooting him through the heart. Caruthers fell back on the ground. Caruthers' gun, a .32 automatic, had the safety off and was fully loaded with a cartridge in the barrel.

The court, after hearing this evidence, found that there was no probable cause for holding the defendant to answer and by this decision completely exonerated Johnson of all blame.

VIOLATING THEIR NEUTRALITY ENFORCE PRESENT LAWS

The request made by the Mexican commissioners at the New London conference that the United States enter into an agreement to make things unpleasant for such Americans as violate neutrality by engaging in conspiracies against the peace of Mexico is eminently reasonable. In fact, it is so reasonable that all the United States would be obliged to do would be to enforce its existing statutes on the subject.

There is not the slightest doubt that ever since the beginning of the revolt led by Francisco I. Madero against Diaz, many violations of Mexican neutrality have taken place in the United States. It is likely, also, that if they had been directed against a stronger power than Mexico, the United States would have been called upon to explain them, and possibly to foot a large bill on account of them.

It is well known that during the Madero revolution recruits were openly enlisted in the United States. It was done right here in Yuma. These recruits were marched down to

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The value of political parties organized on the American plan is being put to a severe examination this fall. Of course, there will be parties wherever there are differences of opinion. The question is whether the American type of party has not tended to shift the emphasis from opinions to organization, so that we now have two great parties whose differences of opinion are not sufficient to excuse their existence, and which do not in fact represent the great split in opinion which cuts across the country.

Whatever life has been injected into the present campaign, aside from the vivacity which comes from a passionate desire to hold offices and share spoils, has been almost all accidental and unexpected. It was an accident which placed Woodrow Wilson in the chair during the European war, and thus made his party a defender of the new neutral policies; it was an accident which consigned Mexico to Mr. Wilson's supervision; it was an accident which placed the railroad strike before him for settlement.

The traditional policies of the great parties were remotely, but not directly, connected with those adopted by Mr. Wilson in these emergencies. In the settlement of the railroad wage dispute Mr. Wilson fairly turned his back on the principles of his party and countenanced an extension of the federal power, which is entirely inconsistent with the states' rights creed. It is on these decisions, rather than on traditional policies of any kind, that the outcome of the election depends. The independent voter, who is the political boss of the country, will vote for or against Mr. Wilson on Mr. Wilson's record rather than for or against the Democratic party on the party's record.

If one believes this to be true he will not be patient with the use of the party organizations to dragoon votes. Instead of clarifying the issues the organizations are helping to confuse them. The fuzzy compromises between the radical and conservative wings of both parties mean simply that an attempt is being made to set aside important differences in favor of un-

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STRAIGHT PARTY VOTE MENACE TO FREEDOM

The Arizona Socialists honored Yuma county by nominating Judge P. T. Robertson for governor. If elected he would give the state an able administration, untrammelled by the bosses of either dominant party. The people are not ignorant of this fact, but never-the-less aside from the independent and progressive voters most folks will continue to vote 'er straight, and the net result will be about the same as last time. The politicians care little for what the masses think so long as they vote like sheep, not for the man, but for party.

Yuma county had another candidate before the primaries who would have greatly honored the state in educational matters—we refer to Miss C. Louise Boehringer, Yuma's competent county superintendent of schools. The women of the state were entitled to representation, but again the party lash was stronger than right, backed by the women. The nomination and election of C. Louise Boehringer to the office for which she is so splendidly qualified to fill, would have been a tower of strength to Arizona throughout the nation and a lasting credit to Arizona Democracy.

Politics won, as usual, with about the usual result.

"Government of the people, by the people and for the people" is defeated every time a man or woman refuses to rise above the status of the ignorant peon and votes a dictated party ticket.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLAN TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

Calexico Chronicle: The first meeting of the new board of directors of the Imperial irrigation district is slated to be held at 10 o'clock this morning, according to a statement made by Leroy Holt of El Centro, one of the members of the new board, last night.

J. M. Edmunds of Calexico, also one of the newly-appointed members, has been in Los Angeles for some time, and it had been his plan, it was stated yesterday, to remain there for two or three weeks to recuperate in health and he had further planned to rest for some time after his return to the valley, before again taking up active duties in connection with his private business.

But with the new position which

has been placed upon him by the appointment, it is understood he is expected to arrive at El Centro this morning to attend the first meeting of the board.

Further than organization and talking over plans in a general way, it is probable no definite action will be taken at the meeting today.

It was stated from an authoritative source yesterday, however, that the general plan of action of the new board would undoubtedly not be accompanied by any particularly drastic measures.

It is considered probable that the new board will listen to the board of consulting engineers. If the plans of Chief Engineer Rockwood are pretty generally upheld by the consulting board, then probably no steps will be

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